

State of New Hampshire

Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission

In the Matter of Chapter PARI 1000 & Chapter PARI 1100

As Applicable to Bingo Games & Lucky 7 Tickets

The Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission (RCGC) has reviewed requests from interested parties regarding possible changes and amendments to the Lucky 7 and Bingo rules to encompass, among other items, the so-called “rolling over” of Lucky 7 bonus jackpots from one licensed game date to another licensed game date, as well as the “carrying over” of Bingo jackpots from one licensed game date to another licensed game date, regardless of the day of the week which the Bingo game is conducted. At the direction of the Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission (RCGC), a sub-committee was formed, [consisting of Commissioner Presby (as Chairman) Commissioner Leary (as Member), the Director, Deputy Director, and other members of the Agency] to discuss changes and/or amendments to various portions of the administrative rules applicable to Lucky 7 tickets and Bingo. Members of the public were invited and attended the sub-committee meetings held over the past several months.

The sub-committee has determined that there is merit in the above-mentioned requests and suggests that the RCGC should consider entertaining rulemaking petitions pursuant to RSA 541-A and Chapter PARI 200.

At its December 15, 2011 meeting, the Commissioners “unanimously voted to approve in concept the changes to the seal cards, rolling jackpots and game dates and remand back to staff to finalize. If he sees fit, the Director may approve internally the afore-mentioned items, and present the same at the next Commission meeting for review and informational purposes”.

Ruling on Various Portions of Chapter PARI 1000

Pursuant to the statutory powers contained in RSA 284:6-a IV, 284-E:2, and Chapter Pari 200, the Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission, upon previous motion and vote, has allowed the Agency through its Director to implement the necessary changes to Chapter Pari 1000.

A charitable organization operating bingo games may carryover its carryover coverall bingo game prize from one licensed game date to another regardless of which day or days of the week which the bingo game is operated. Provided that, each licensed game date, wherein the carryover coverall bingo game prize is operated, must be at the same location. At least seven days in advance, the charitable organization must post in a prominent place at said location, and serve notice to the Commission of its intention to offer the carryover coverall bingo game prize in this manner. Once a carryover coverall bingo game prize is offered or operated in the manner described herein, the operation of the carryover coverall bingo game prize shall not be changed or amended in any way, until the existing jackpot in play is won and fully disbursed. The carryover coverall bingo game prize must remain in the same checking account as was originally designated prior to the carryover from one licensed game date to another.

The Chapter Pari 1000 rules will remain in full force and effect, with the addition of the amendments referenced above.

Ruling on Various Portions of Chapter PARI 1100

Pursuant to the statutory powers contained in RSA 284:6-a IV, 284-E:2, and Chapter Pari 200, the Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission, upon previous motion and vote, has allowed the Agency through its Director to implement the necessary changes to Chapter Pari 1100.

A charitable organization selling Lucky 7 tickets, which have a rolling jackpot bonus game prize, in conjunction with the operation of bingo games, may carry over the Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prize for said tickets from one licensed game date to another licensed game date regardless of which day of the week the tickets are sold. The charitable organization must sell the afore-mentioned Lucky 7 tickets at the same location for each date. At least seven days in advance, the charitable organization must post in a prominent place at said location, and serve notice to the Commission of its intention to offer to roll over the rolling jackpot bonus game prize in this manner. Further, the afore-mentioned Lucky 7 tickets must contain the same name and form number. Once a Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prize is offered or operated in the manner described herein, the operation of the Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prize shall not be changed or amended in any way, until the existing jackpot in play is won and fully disbursed.

The Chapter Pari 1100 rules will remain in full force and effect, with the addition of the amendments referenced above.

We hereby adopt the amendments to the administrative rules referenced above, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The amendments shall apply only to carryover coverall bingo game prizes and Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prizes, applicable to a licensee;
- B. The current administrative rules of the RCGC shall remain in full force and effect, but shall not hinder or hamper the approval of carryover coverall bingo game prizes and Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prizes;
- C. The amendments are temporary in nature, and shall not be construed as permanent amendments or permanent changes to the current administrative rules;
- D. The Commission, through its Agency staff, will review each request for approval on as case by case basis;
- E. The Commission will decide on any rulemaking petition, once it is satisfied that all issues have been vetted out during this temporary approval period;
- F. In the event there is any disagreement between a licensee and the Commission staff regarding the approval process, then the licensee or the Agency staff may request the matter to be heard by the full Commission;
- G. The Agency will not entertain a deluge of carryover coverall bingo game prizes and Lucky 7 rolling jackpot bonus game prizes approval requests from the licensees; and,
- H. The Commission may withdraw the Ruling contained herein at any time.

So Ordered.